

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph on page 12, beginning with line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

Also provided is a projection associated with at least one of the tabs, and configured to engage the secondary bone zone at the edge thereof, and in spaced relation to said tabs. See for example the projection 50 on arm 51 integral with tab 30 at turn locus 52, the arm turned or extending downwardly to project through an opening 53 53' in first tab 20 overlying the gap 13. Arm 51 acts as a spring arm, for urging projection 50 toward edge 12a of bone zone 12. The projection 50 extends intermediate two parallel sections 51a and 51b of arm 51, as is seen in Fig. 8 showing a blank that forms 30 and 50. The projection has a sharp, tapering terminal 53 to enable penetration of diploe 16 at edge 12a, for anchoring arm 51 and tab 30 in position, as shown. The projection extend at angle α relative to a plane defined by tab 30.

Claim 1 (currently amended). ~~A clip to interconnect primary and secondary bone zones having edges and surfaces, comprising in combination:~~

- ~~a) a first tab to extend proximate a surface of the secondary bone zone,~~
- ~~b) a second tab associated with the first tab, and located to extend proximate a surface of the primary bone zone, The combination of claim 30, wherein~~
- ~~e) e) said second tab having at least one barb has a multiplicity of barbs oriented to engage the primary bone to resist displacement of the second tab in a longitudinal direction toward the secondary bone zone[.]~~
- ~~f) and the first component includes a third tab extending generally parallel to the second tab, and integral with said first tab,~~
- ~~g) said third tab having a multiplicity of barbs oriented to engage the primary bone zone to resist displacement of the third tab in said direction toward the secondary bone zone,~~
- ~~h) said multiplicity of barbs extending in two parallel generally longitudinal rows, at edges of each of the second and third tabs.~~

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (currently amended). The combination of claim
+ 30 wherein said second tab has a multiplicity of
barbs oriented to engage the primary bone zone to
resist displacement of the second tab in said direction
toward the secondary bone zone.

Claim 5 (original). The combination of claim 4 wherein
said multiplicity of barbs extend in at least one row,
in said direction.

Claim 6 (original). The combination of claim 4 wherein
said multiplicity of barbs extend in two parallel
generally longitudinal rows.

Claim 7 (original). The combination of claim 6 wherein
said barbs have sharp tips offset from a plane defined
by the second tab.

Claim 8 (original). The combination of claim 1
including an anchor element on the first tab for use in
anchoring the first tab to the secondary bone zone.

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Claim 9 (original). The combination of claim 8 wherein said anchor element comprises an opening through the first tab.

Claim 10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (currently amended). The combination of claim 11 1 wherein the third tab extends generally parallel to the second tab, and is integral with said first tab.

Claim 13 (cancelled).

Claim 14. (cancelled).

Claim 15 (currently amended). The combination of claim 13 1 wherein said second tab multiplicity of barbs extend in at least one row, in said direction.

Claim 16 (currently amended). The combination of claim 13 1 wherein said third tab multiplicity of barbs extend in two parallel generally longitudinal rows, ~~on each of the second and third tabs.~~

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Claim 17 (currently amended). The combination of claim
~~15~~ 16 wherein said barbs have sharp tips offset from a
plane defined by the third tab.

Claim 18 (currently amended). The combination of claim
~~14~~ 30 wherein said multiplicity of barbs on both the
second and third tabs have sharp tips offset from
planes defined by the respective second and third tabs.

Claims 19-22 (cancelled).

Claim 23 (currently amended). The combination of claim
~~21~~ 30 wherein the projection has a sharp terminal to
enable penetration of diploe.

Claim 24 (currently amended). The combination of claim
~~22~~ 23 wherein the projection extends at an acute angle
relative to a plane defined by said one tab.

Claim 25 (currently amended). The combination of claim
~~1~~ 30 including said primary and secondary bone zones
having surfaces proximate which said primary and
secondary tabs extend.

Claims 26-29 (cancelled).

Claim 30 (currently amended). A clip to interconnect primary and secondary bone zones forming a gap therebetween, comprising

a) first and second interfitting clip components, the first component having a first tab to engage a surface of the secondary bone zone the first component having generally Z-shaped configuration, and the second component having a second tab, an arm, and a projection forming a generally Z-shaped configuration, and wherein the second tab and projection extend in directions away from the arm,

b) said components having certain elements first and second tabs adapted to engage surfaces defined by said first and second bone zones, and an additional element said projection adapted to engage an edge defined by the second bone zone[.],

c) and wherein one of the Z-shaped components extends through and at opposite sides of an opening defined by the other Z-shaped component whereby the interfitting Z-shaped components define a hinge interfit at said opening and substantially at the level of said first tab.

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Claims 31-34 (cancelled).